

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Criminal No. 17-10170-RWZ
)	
GREGORY CARTER,)	
Defendant.)	

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

ZOBEL, D.J.

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2017, a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Massachusetts returned a one-count Indictment, charging defendant Gregory Carter (the "Defendant"), with Bank Robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a) (Count One);

WHEREAS, Indictment also included a forfeiture allegation, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), which provided notice that the United States intended to seek the forfeiture, upon conviction of the Defendant of the offense alleged in Count One of the Indictment, of any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense;

WHEREAS, the Indictment further provided that, if any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission by the Defendant, (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty, the United States is entitled to seek forfeiture of any other property of the Defendant, up to the value of the assets described in the Paragraph above, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), incorporating 21 U.S.C. § 853(p);

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, at a hearing pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States gave a recitation of the facts and stated that the United States intended to seek forfeiture as noticed in the Indictment, and the Defendant did not object;

WHEREAS the United States has identified the following property as being subject to forfeiture:

- a. 2013 black Ford Fusion, bearing vehicle identification number 3FA6P0H7XDR329274 (the "Vehicle"),

WHEREAS, the Vehicle constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the defendant's offense conduct;

WHEREAS, in light of the Defendant's guilty plea, the United States has established the requisite nexus between the Vehicle and the offense to which the Defendant pled guilty, and accordingly, the Vehicle is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Rule 32.2(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States is now entitled to a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture against the Vehicle.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The Court finds, pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, that the United States has established the requisite nexus between the Vehicle and the offense to which the Defendant pled guilty.
2. The Court shall retain jurisdiction in this case for the purpose of enforcing this Order.
3. Accordingly, all of the Defendant's interest in the Vehicle is hereby forfeited to the

United States of America for disposition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

4. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the Vehicle and maintain it in its secure custody and control.

5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the United States shall publish, for thirty (30) consecutive calendar days on the government forfeiture website www.forfeiture.gov, notice of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture and notice of the United States' intent to dispose of the Vehicle.

6. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the United States shall give, to the extent practicable, direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the Vehicle to be forfeited.

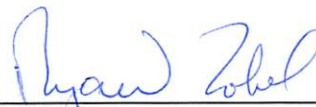
7. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) and (3), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the notice referred to above shall state: (a) that any person, other than the Defendant, asserting a legal interest in the Vehicle, shall, within sixty (60) days after the first day of publication on the government forfeiture website or within thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier, file a petition with the United States District Court in Boston, Massachusetts, requesting a hearing to adjudicate the validity of his or her interest in the Vehicle; and (b) that the petition shall be signed by the petitioner under the penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the Vehicle, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title, or interest in the Vehicle, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

8. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c),

following the Court's disposition of all petitions filed under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6), or if no such petitions are filed following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of such petitions, the United States of America shall have clear title to the Vehicle.

9. Upon adjudication of all third party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and Rule 32.2(c) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, in which all interests will be addressed.

10. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture will become final as to the Defendant at the time of his sentencing, will be part of the Defendant's criminal sentence, and will be included in the criminal judgment entered by this Court against him.



RYA W. ZOBEL
United States District Judge

Dated: December 6, 2017